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It has come belatedly to my attention that the essential idea of a stack algorithm described in "Fast Sequential Decoding Algorithm Using a Stack," *IBM J. Res. Develop.* 13, 675 (1969) is already contained in the paper "Nekotorye Posledovatelnye Protsedury Dekodirovaniya" by K. S. Zigangirov, *Problemy Peredachi Informatsii* 2, No. 4 (1966).

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